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MOBILIZATION

REF: SACLANT 211752Z DEC 77 (NOTAL)

1. FOR USNATO AND USDELMC: UNLESS YOU HAVE OBJECTIONS,
USLO SACLANT WILL PASS INFO IN PARA THREE BELOW TO
SACLANT.

2. FOR USLO SACLANT: PROVIDED NO OBJECTIONS RECEIVED
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THREE BELOW TO SACLANT FOR CHAIRMANWORKING GROUP TWO,
TASK FORCE THREE.

3. FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST CONTAINED
REFTEL CONCERNING NAVAL RESERVE MOBILIZATION:

A. RE REFTEL'S REQUEST FOR REPORT ON NUMBER OF MINE

COUNTERMEASURE VESSELS WHICH US NAVY IS PLANNED
TO PAY OFF UP TO 1990:

US NAVY HAS CURRENTLY PROGRAMMED THE STRIKE, BY 1990,
OF 3 MSOS (ACTIVE AND 22 MSOS (NRF) WHICH WILL HAVE
REACHED THE THIRTY YEAR SERVICE LIFE DURING THE
PERIOD FY 1984-1987. COMMENCING IN FY 1983, THE
FIRST OF A NEW CLASS OF MCM SHIP, WITH A DEEP
OCEAN CAPABILITY, WILL ENTER THE FLEET. THESE
MCM SHIPS ARE PROGRAMMED TO TRANSFER TO THE NRF FOL-
LOWING ONE YEAR IN THE ACTIVE FLEET, AND ARE
PROGRAMMED TO BE IN COMMISSION IN THE 1990'S.
THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MCM SHIPS PLANNED IS 19, WITH
5 FUNDED IN THE FYDP AND THE REMAINDER TO BE
FUNDED IN THE 85-90 TIMEFRAME. TWO AIR MCM
SQUADRONS, EACH WITH EIGHT AMCM HELOS, TASKED
FOR SHALLOW WATER MINE COUNTERMEASURES, WILL ALSO
BE IN COMMISSION THROUGH 1990.

B. RE REFTTEL'S REQUEST FOR ESTIMATED COST IN 1977 US
DOLLARS THROUGH YEARS 1978-1990 OF RETAINING THE MINE
COUNTERMEASURE VESSELS REPORTED ABOVE IN A RESERVE
STATUS, SO THAT THEY COULD BE REACTIVATED FOR SEA DUTY
WITHIN 30 DAYS:

OF THE 25 MSOS CURRENTLY IN COMMISSION, THREE
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ARE IN THE ACTIVE FORCE AND 22 ARE ASSIGNED
IN THE NAVAL RESERVE FORCE. DURING THE PERIOD
THESE SHIPS ARE PROGRAMMED TO STRIKE, FY 1984-1987,
EACH WILL HAVE REACHED THE 30-YEAR SERVICE LIFE.
IT HAS BEEN NAVY'S EXPERIENCE THAT THESE WOODEN
HULLED SHIPS WITH UNIQUE NON-MAGNETIC MACHINERY
INSTALLED CANNOT BE PROPERLY MAINTAINED IN AN
INACTIVE STATUS. IN ADDITION, AS THESE SHIPS
STRIKE, THE CURRENTLY MARGINAL SUPPLY SUPPORT FOR
NON-MAGNETIC MACHINERY WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY
SCARCE. THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO INSURE THE AVAILA-
BILITY OF THESE SHIPS UNTIL 1990, IT WOULD BE
NECESSARY TO RETAIN THEM IN THE CURRENT STATUS
AS COMMISSIONED SHIPS WELL BEYOND THEIR EXPECTED
SERVICE LIFE OF 30 YEARS, WHICH IS NOT CONSIDERED
TO BE A VIABLE OPTION. PROGRAMMED COST TO
OPERATE AN ACTIVE MSO IS 2.4 M DOLLARS ANNUALLY
AND AN NRF MSO IS 1.6 M DOLLARS ANNUALLY. THE
ANNUAL COST TO OPERATE ALL 25 MSOS IN 1977
DOLLARS IS 42.4M. BASED ON THE CURRENT STRIKE
PLAN, THE ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL COSTS IN 1977
DOLLARS TO MAINTAIN THE 25 MSOS IN THEIR PRESENT

STATUS UNTIL 1990 WOULD BE 40.8M DOLLARS FOR
THE THREE ACTIVE MSOS AND 203.2 M DOLLARS FOR THE
22 NRF MSOS. FUNDING IS NOT PROGRAMMED TO MAINTAIN
THESE SHIPS PAST THEIR STRIKE DATE.

C. RE REFTTEL'S REQUEST FOR AN ESTIMATE OF THE
ADDITIONAL MONEY IN US DOLLARS REQUIRED ANNUALLY ABOVE

THAT ALREADY BUDGETED TO PROVIDE TWO WEEKS ANNUAL
TRAINING FOR ALL NAVAL RESERVISTS REQUIRED FOR ALL WAR
ESTABLISHMENTS IN SHIPS AND SHORE ESTABLISHMENTS.

	OFFICER	ENLISTED	TOTAL
CATEGORY	COST	COST	
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INDIVIDUAL DOLS 28,863,170 DOLS38,597,072 \$67,460,242
READY RESERVE

RETIRED RESERVE 14,796,655 1,121,760 15,918,415

FLEET RESERVE 5,170,592 5,170,592

GRAND TOTAL DOLS 88,549,249

(NOTE 1)

NOTE 1: THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BASED ON
STRENGTH FIGURES AS OF 30 SEP 77 REDUCED BY THE
DOD PLANNING FACTORS. AN AVERAGE COST OF 1,415
DOLLARS FOR OFFICERS AND 656 DOLLARS FOR ENLISTED
PERSONNEL WAS USED. THIS INCLUDES PAY, ALLOWANCES
AND TRAVEL COSTS. INFORMATION ON THE FLEET
RESERVE WAS INCLUDED EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE NOT
NAVAL RESERVISTS. THEY DO REPRESENT AN INACTIVE
DUTY MANPOWER POOL AND ARE OFTEN INCLUDED IN
MOBILIZATION MANPOWER DISCUSSIONS.

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